

Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council

Serving the Communities of:

Auburn City
North Auburn
Newcastle
Penryn
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Minutes

Date: May 17, 2019

Time: Called to order at 9:00 am

Location: City of Auburn, City Hall
1225 Lincoln Way, Room #10
Auburn CA. 95603

1. Call to Order:

Attendance: Daniel Berlant, Danielle Hardesty, Frank Udvarhely, Kathy Baxter. Absent: Kevin Hanley, Keri Askew Bailey, Bob Snyder. Guests: Heidi Rietjens, Sharon Pello, Alexia Retallack, Chief Dave Spencer, John Rogers, Chuck Heiseleman, Terry Mornin, Zach Boehme, Erica Moore, Jim Bennett, and Jon Anacker.

2. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes: The 4/19/19 minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment:

A local Olive Orchard Resident spoke about a work crew burning piles of brush in the canyon and left unattended still burning at the end of the day. The resident attended to the fires and contacted Auburn Fire. Auburn Fire will follow up with State Parks about incident. A local resident asked about funds for maintaining a plot on Gold Street that was cleared last year via grant money. Auburn Fire addressed the situation. Another resident commented that more information and outreach is needed to empower residents to clear their own property.

5. Strategic Plan Implementation:

Newcastle Firewise Public Forum: Firewise Signups Follow up. Frank reported the event was attended by approximately 90 people, with two short clips being shown, and that 35 people signed up for more information about firewise communities. Future meetings in Penryn and Auburn were mentioned.

Auburn Community Service Date Results. Daniel reported that approximately 95 people attended the 8 different projects with event at Bicentennial Park project filling 2 large dumpsters. Chief Spencer said it was a very successful.

Auburn Home Show Booth Signups. Luana did not attend the meeting, she was setting up the booth and Daniel asked people who wish to volunteer to contact Luana.

6. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:

Auburn Fire. Chief Spencer talked about upcoming Defensible Space inspections. A door hanger has been designed, specific areas for inspection have been defined, the website will update once the inspections start to show progress. They have also gone through city owned properties and ranked for severity and will work on those including grazing animals and prescribed fires. Chief Spencer also followed up on the public comment on Olive Orchard about commitment to work with State Parks. Placer County. Alexia Retallack talked about California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) taking over Public Safety Power Shut Off process from individual power companies. They have defined who will get notification and now working on how the notification will go out. Focus on Tier 2 and Tier 3

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areas and large power distribution lines. Pioneer Power is being proactive in the process before it rolls out.

7. **Roundtable:** Updates to CWPP, Firewise public forum, and Pioneer Energy were possible future agenda items.
8. **Adjourn:** 9:58 am.